



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 4**

February Session, 2008

Senate Bill No. 124

*Senate, March 6, 2008*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OR USE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE OR SERVICES TO REMOTELY OPERATE WEAPONS TO HUNT ANIMALS OR BIRDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) No person shall  
2 operate, provide, sell, use or offer to operate, provide, sell or use any  
3 computer software or service in this state that allows a person, when  
4 not physically present, to remotely control a firearm or weapon to hunt  
5 a live animal or bird.

6 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be a class A  
7 misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 09 \$</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>
Criminal Justice Agencies	GF - Cost / Revenue	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

Few criminal offenses are anticipated under the bill. As a consequence, any budgetary cost to criminal justice agencies to incarcerate or supervise on probation these offenders would be less than \$50,000 each year.<sup>1</sup> Likewise, any revenue gain from criminal fines imposed (up to \$2,000 per offense under the bill) is anticipated to be less than \$50,000 annually.

#### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing cost identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The annualized ongoing revenue indicated above would remain constant into the future since fine amounts are set by statute.

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<sup>1</sup> The OFA definition of "minimal" is any fiscal impact that is less than \$50,000.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 124*****AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OR USE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE OR SERVICES TO REMOTELY OPERATE WEAPONS TO HUNT ANIMALS OR BIRDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits anyone from operating, providing, selling, using, or offering to operate, provide, sell, or use any computer software or service in the state that allows someone, when not physically present, to remotely control a firearm or other weapon to hunt a live animal or bird. Violation of the bill is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    30    Nay   0    (02/27/2008)